

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee  
December 4, 2014**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors David Swan, Carl Pettis, Keith Hammitt, Kathleen Cummings and Richard Morris. **Absent:** Steve Whittow and Robert Kolb.

**Also Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Administrative Specialist Karen Phillips, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Senior Civil Engineer Bruce Barnes, Fleet Manager Bob Rauchle, Business Manager Betsy Forrest, Airport Manager Kurt Stanich, Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Supervisor Gilbert Yerke, and Supervisor Duane Paulson.

**Ordinance 169-O-084: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway (CTH) P, Waukesha County Project, Project I.D. 2714-04-00, Bark River Bridge And Approaches, Village Of Summit, Waukesha County**

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 169-O-084.

Braun discussed this ordinance which authorizes the laying out, relocation and improvement of CTH P, Bark River Bridge and approaches in the Village of Summit. Braun said this complicated project has been in the capital plan since approximately 2006. She reviewed the history of the capital project and the progress made to the point of land acquisition. She has met with affected property owners and they have expressed support for this project.

In response to Pettis's concern relative to environmental impact, Braun stated that the Department of Public Works (DPW) is working with the DNR, FEMA and lake management districts to properly address any environmental issues.

At Swan's request, Braun further reviewed maps depicting the lands designated for construction easements, temporary easements, and permanent land acquisition.

Morris asked about the timeline for this project. Braun stated it is likely that construction would take place during the summer of 2016.

Cummings arrived at 8:39 a.m.; Swan apprised Cummings with a synopsis of the discussion on the ordinance.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 169-O-085: Modify Speed Zones On County Trunk Highway KF And County Trunk Highway JK**

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 169-O-085.

Barnes was present to discuss this ordinance which approves a reduction of the existing speed limit from 55 miles per hour (mph) along both directions of CTH KF (Ryan Road) between CTH K and Lindsay Road and along CTH JK (Lynndale Road).

Barnes pointed out the location of the proposed project on an aerial view map while providing detailed background information to justify the speed zone modification. DPW received numerous phone calls from residents with safety concerns about the posted 55 mph speed limits along CTH KF and CTH JK.

Barnes noted the existing highway curves and hills, limited sight distances and a number of crashes (including one fatality) in this area. A thorough investigation of available data, including roadway speed, vehicle collision history, etc., revealed that the majority of drivers are already driving under the posted speed limit in this area. DPW staff recommends lowering the 55 mph speed limit to 45 mph.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 169-O-086: Modify The 2014 Department Of Public Works, Central Fleet Division Budget, To Appropriate Additional Revenues And Expenditures**

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Pettis to approve Ordinance 169-O-086.

Forrest and Rauchle were present to discuss this ordinance which will modify the 2014 budget of DPW – Central Fleet Division to appropriate 2014 interdepartmental revenues (earned from vehicle repair work) and increase expenditure authority primarily to the parts and commercial services expenditure accounts. Forrest stated the higher level of expenditures are needed to cover the cost of parts and services associated with additional equipment repairs resulting from winter roadway maintenance work during the first quarter of 2014.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 169-O-087: Modify The 2014 Budget Of The Department Of Public Works, Airport Division, To Appropriate Additional Revenues And Expenditures To The 2014 Airport Operating Budget**

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Pettis to approve Ordinance 169-O-087.

Forrest and Stanich were present to discuss this ordinance which will modify the 2014 budget of the DPW – Airport Division to appropriate excess revenues earned in 2014 and increase expenditures authority in the 2014 Airport operating budget. Expenditures are over budget by \$35,000 mostly due to higher contracted snow removal costs caused by the severe winter weather season experienced during the first quarter of 2014. Fuel sales revenues are estimated to be above budget by \$35,000 due to increased fuel sales associated with increased corporate aircraft traffic.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 169-O-088: Modify The Transportation Fund 2014 Budget For Additional Year End State And County Highway Maintenance Work**

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Hammitt to approve Ordinance 169-O-088.

Forrest and Chladil were present to discuss this ordinance which will modify the 2014 Transportation Fund budget to appropriate additional 2014 revenues and expenses to cover increased winter maintenance costs performed on the state and county trunk highway systems. Forrest reviewed the detailed breakdown of expenses and revenues as outlined in the fiscal note.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **Approve Minutes of November 13, 2014**

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Hammitt to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Executive Committee Report of November 25, 2014**

Swan stated that the six appointments approved at the Executive meeting were confirmed at the County Board meeting of November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Future Meeting Date**

- January 15, 2015

### **Correspondence**

- Capitol Watch – The Weekly Legislative Update: WisDOT Transportation Proposal Summary
- Excerpt from *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article (November 19, 2014) titled “DOT plan would study toll roads, fees based on miles driven.”
- Informational packet from the public hearing on the I-94 east/west corridor project held last evening (Swan).

### **Ordinance 169-O-089: Designation Of County Highways On Which Statutory Weight Limits Of Sec. 348.15(3)(g), Wis. Stats., Apply To Category B Implements Of Husbandry And Creation Of Section 15-82(d) Of The Waukesha County Code**

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 169-O-089.

Evans was present to discuss this ordinance which proposes to set weight limits for all implements of husbandry operated on the county truck highway system as established by Section 348.15 (3)(g) Wis. Stats. The ordinance further creates a new section of the County Code to enact this change and create the procedure to obtain permits for exceeding the new requirements.

Evans narrated a PowerPoint presentation titled “Implements of Husbandry – Act 377”. Evans recommended that permits be required for vehicles exceeding the maximum gross vehicle weight of 92,000 pounds, and axle weight of over 23,000 pounds.

Swan pointed out that the statute numbers presented in the PowerPoint do not coincide with the statute numbers in the ordinance. After further debate on the issue, Evans stated he would consult with Corporation Counsel regarding the proper statute references. Swan said he would take this concern to the Executive Committee and if any correction is necessary it would be made at their meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Permit forms and penalties/fines for non-compliance were discussed. In response to Swan’s comment, Evans stated the Waukesha County Sheriff’s Department is aware of the new weight limitations/requirements and would enforce compliance with the new law.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Update on Patrol Truck Lifecycle Analysis**

Rauchle narrated a PowerPoint presentation titled “Waukesha County Department of Public Works – Patrol Truck Extended Life Cycle Project”, which outlines a detailed account of the patrol truck lifecycle analysis. The analysis resulted in the following recommendation:

- ✓ Increase the life cycle of single axle trucks by 1 year, from 8 years (plus 1 spare year) to 9 years (plus 1 spare year).

**Tour/Demo of Salt/Snowplow Operations**

The tour/demo of salt/snowplow operations will follow adjournment of the meeting.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings  
Secretary